

**For a Postal Telegraph.**

The United States is the only one of the principal countries in the world in which the telegraph is in the hands of private corporations. In all the others the telegraph is a part of the postal service. In this respect we are behind the times. The people of the United States receive less service, poorer service and pay more for it than if they owned their own telegraph system and operated it as the postoffice is operated. In Great Britain the government assumed ownership of the telegraph in 1873, buying out the private telegraph companies, and established a uniform rate of one shilling per message of twenty words throughout the United Kingdom. The conditions are somewhat different in this country. Distances are far greater here, for one thing. But there is nothing to forbid the practical operation of a postal telegraph in the United States on the same general system as that which has proved such a great success in Great Britain. The telegraph naturally belongs to the postal system. Its service is essentially the same in character as that of the postoffice, and it can be operated by the same employes under the same general supervision. In short, the people of the United States ought to have a postal telegraph, and the time has come when they can set up such a system with safety. Under the operation of the reformed civil service—which has come to stay and whose rules are extended by each succeeding administration, no matter what its politics—it is as possible to secure competent men to run the telegraph business as it is to run the postoffice business. A telegraph, extending wherever the postal routes go, with every postmaster in the small towns a telegraph operator and every postoffice a telegraph station, would bring about an era of swift and easy communication that would broaden the

life of the people and bind distant communities closer together. We ought to have it.—Boston Post.

**Increase of the Mormon Church.**

According to the report presented to the late general conference of the Mormon church, the increase for the last year of adult converts and the baptism of children over 8 years of age in Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and Canada exceeds that of the same length of time in all the previous history of Mormonism. Outside of the Rocky Mountain districts the accessions have been more than for any two years since the organization of the Mormon church. In England the results of the labors of the Mormon emissaries have been wonderful, exceeding even that attained by Wilford Woodruff in the early part of his life, when nearly 2,000 people were lead to adopt Mormonism, by nearly two to one. The greatest success has been achieved in New England, North and South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia and in California and Oregon. The Mormon missionaries now at work number 1,400, all of whom travel and labor without salary.

**Model Testimonials.**

Here are a few testimonials that patent medicine men might use. "I have been unable to walk without crutches for many years, but after using your liniment I ran for office." "I lost my eyesight four years ago. I used a bottle of your eye-wash and I saw wood." "I have been dumb ever since I was married, but the day after taking your remedy I had a speaking likeness taken at the photographer's." "Some time ago I lost the use of both arms. Shortly after buying a box of your pills I struck a man for \$10." "I have been deaf for many years, but after using your ointment I heard that my aunt had died and left me \$10,000."—New York Tribune.